

TELEPHONIC-INTERFACE LOTTERY SYSTEM

Abstract of the Disclosure

A telephonic-interface lottery system D
5 interfaces with a multiplicity of individual terminals T1-Tn of a telephone network facility C to enable
lottery players to call and play for at least one
additional chance to possibly win by dialing a pay-to-
10 dial telephone number indicated on a "scratch-off" or
online game lottery ticket for use in the system. At
the terminals, callers are prompted by voice-generated
instructions to provide digital data, such as their
telephone number, age, social security number, and/or
drivers license number. In addition, the sequence
15 number of the caller as well as the date and time of
the call is recorded for positive association with a
caller and is stored for processing. The caller's
identification data is confirmed using various
techniques and callers may be ranked and accounted for
20 on the basis of entitlement and sequence. In accordance
with one format, an instant winner is selected
online by utilizing techniques such as determining a
random winning sequence number or a winning lottery
number generated by a number generator. As an adjunct
25 or alternative, the identification data is processed at
a later time to determine a grand prize drawing winner
by using various processing techniques for determining
winners.